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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL PLANS

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1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT
"WASHINGTON WHISPERS" ITEM IN JANUARY 5 ISSUE.

QUOTE. IT'S BEING KEPT UNDER WRAPS, BUT A PLAN FOR MAJOR
WITHDRAWALS OF U.S. MILITARY FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA IS
GETTING INTENSIVE STUDY. THE PROPOSAL IS DESCRIBED AS PART
OF AN OVER-ALL PENTAGON EFFORT TO CUT DOWN ON SUPPORT
ELEMENTS AND USE SAVINGS TO INCREASE COMBAT MANPOWER
ELSEWHERE. OFFICIALS INSIST IT IS UNRELATED TO CRITICISM
OF THE REPRESSIVE POLICIES OF THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT.
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END QUOTE.

2. AS YOU ARE AWARE COLUMN IS GENERALLY SPECULATIVE AND UNATTRIBUTED. DOD UNABLE TO DETERMINE SOURCE OF ITEM WHICH WAS NOT CONTAINED IN ANY AUTHORIZED STATEMENT OR INTERVIEW.

3. STATEMENT CONTAINED PARA 3 REFTEL IS APPARENT INTERPRETATION OF PART OF BROAD SURVEY OF PROSPECTS FOR 1975 INCLUDING POSSIBILITY OF WAR IN MIDEAST. IN THIS CONTEXT WRITER PREDICTS "THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE OF BLOWUPS WHERE U.S. AND COMMUNIST TROOPS STAND NOSE TO NOSE -- SUCH AS IN EUROPE AND KOREA. THE U.S. WILL TRY TO CONVINCE RUSSIA NOT TO ENCOURAGE A NEW CRISIS THERE, IN THE MIDEAST OR ELSEWHERE." INGERSOLL

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